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PROCESS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

The relevance of WO 98/08177 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the specification of the present invention and an English abstract summarizing the disclosure of German Patent document DE 41 16 277 C 2 is submitted herewith.

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